

MURRAY ART BEAT

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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ENTRIES

Juried Art and Crafts Show Call for Entries

The Murray Arts Advisory Board will host the annual Juried Art Show featuring local artists during November in the Murray Public Library. Local artists residing in Murray are encouraged to submit entries in painting, graphics, photography, ceramics, woodwork, and crafts (i.e. needlework, jewelry) on Monday, November 1 between 4:30 and 7 PM at the Murray Library auditorium. Cash awards will be given to 1st place winners in professional and amateur divisions as well as the popular People’s Choice Award.

Auditions for Pinocchio

Missoula Children’s Theater will audition children in grades K-12 for Pinocchio on Monday, September 20 from 4-6 pm at Hillcrest Jr High Cafeteria. Children do not need to prepare anything but must stay the entire two hours. Those auditioning must be Murray residents or attend Murray schools. About 50 students will be cast. Although rehearsal times will vary depending on parts, all cast members must be available to rehearse every day from 4-9 pm from September 20-24 and all day Saturday, September 25 for two performances.

Halloween Writing Competition

Students in grades 3-9 are encouraged to submit Halloween poems, short stories, and limericks to the Murray Parks Office by Wednesday, October 20. Entry forms can be picked up at the Murray Parks Office or schools where teachers have chosen to participate. Students will read their winning entries on October 25-26 at the Murray Haunted Trails and will be given free admission to the trail. Storytellers (age 15 to adults) are also needed. If you are interested in telling your favorite child’s ghost story and dressing up for the part, please phone 264-2638.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

For place, time, and ticket info, phone 264-2614.

Sept 17-18	Downtown Walking Tours
Sept 18	Miss Murray Pageant
Sept 20	Pinocchio auditions
Sept 25	Pinocchio performance
October 23	Murray Symphony
October 25-26	Haunted Trails and Storytelling
November 1	Arts and Craft Entries Due
November 5-20	Art Show at Library
November 13	Murray Concert Band
November 18-22	Footloose, Murray High Musical
November 19-22	Fiddler on the Roof, Cottonwood High
December 12	Messiah Sing-In
December 15	Vive Voce Chorus
December 14-16	Christmas Dream Ballet

PLEASE NOTE: The Utah Arts Council publishes a list of state and regional competitions in literary arts, media arts, performing arts, and visual arts. To be placed on ArtOps mailing list or for further information, phone 236-7555.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ZAP Provides Cultural Assemblies for Schools

Thanks to ZAP tax funding, children in Murray will be bused into Murray High to enjoy several performances by local, state, and regional performers throughout the school year. *RDТ* will present a performance September 21; a touring company from New Jersey will present the play *Laura Ingalls Wilder* on November 23; *Todd Green and World Instruments* coming from Nevada will be presented January 13; *Eight Classical Ballets* will be presented by our local Murray Ballet Center on January 27; and *Lazer Vaudeville* coming from Colorado February 10. Teachers will also receive instruction on how to incorporate the arts into various subject areas such as language arts, history, and science. Over the past decade, the ZAP tax has provided yearly opportunities for Murray residents such as an Olympic Dance Festival, after school musicals, a video festival, and musicals in the amphitheater.

Miss Murray Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 at 7 pm at Murray High. Tickets are \$6.

Murray City Winter Community Art Pass Now on Sale

Murray City will again offer its annual community art pass for cultural art performances during the 2004-2005 school year. This year's series will include several touring productions including Todd Green's *Instruments Around the World*, Lazer Vaudeville, and two children's theater productions, *Pinocchio* and *The Frog Prince*, presented by Missoula Children's Theater and local actors. The pass also provides entrance to a variety of community cultural performances including the Murray Symphony, Messiah Sing-In, Murray Concert Band, Vive Voce Chorus, Christmas and Fairytale Ballets by the Murray Ballet Centre, and Murray High and Cottonwood High musicals. Performances are scheduled in a variety of local school facilities. The season will kick off on Saturday, September 25 at 3 and 7 pm at Hillcrest Jr High with *Pinocchio*. The season pass can be purchased at the Murray Parks Office for just \$35 adults, \$30 seniors, \$25 students, and \$100 for an immediate family of up to 6. Individual tickets can be purchased at the door only. Individual prices range from free to \$9.

Missoula to Present Pinocchio September 25

Missoula Children's Theatre will roll into Murray September 20-25 to present an original musical of *Pinocchio* featuring over 50 local students. Performances are scheduled for Saturday, September 25 at 3 PM and 7 PM at Hillcrest Jr High Auditorium located at 126 East 5300 South. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors, and \$15 per family. Any number of children 12 and under get in free with a paid adult or \$25 will admit any size group of any age. Tickets will be available at the door only. For info, phone 264-2614.

Juried Art and Crafts Show

The Murray Arts Advisory Board will host the annual Juried Art Show featuring local artists during November in the Murray Public Library. The art show will be open to the public on November 5, 13, and 19 from 10 am to 5:30 pm, November 8, 9, 15, and 18 from 4 to 8:30 pm and on November 20 from 10 am to 12 noon. Entry forms can be picked up at the Parks Office or phone 264-2638.

Community Messiah Sing-In

The Murray Symphony will host their annual community Messiah Sing-in on Sunday, December 12 at 7 pm in the Murray High Auditorium. The event is free to the public and those attending are encouraged to bring their own chorus books. Soloists will be selected by invitation only. For information, phone Charlotte George at 561-0361.

Theater Design Complete

A formal design for a Performing Arts Center was presented to the Murray City Council in September. The proposed facility location sits adjacent to the Park Center and includes a 500 seat theater, a black box rehearsal and small performance space, two rehearsal rooms, and three community rooms. The 40,000 square foot facility was designed to accommodate a variety of community needs including winter performance space, rehearsal space for community art groups, business meetings, family reunions, wedding receptions, meeting space for civic and business groups, and city functions. In its presentation, the arts board stressed how difficult it is to use local schools during the school year because of school events and noted how ironic it is that our city has to go to surrounding cities to host thank you dinners. The Arts board along with the City Council will now explore ways to fund the \$6.7 million facility. The facility design is now on display in the Murray Parks Office foyer.

Walking Tour to Highlight New Publication

A guided downtown walking tour has been scheduled on September 17 at 12 noon and September 18 at 11 am to kick off a new Murray City publication highlighting the historic downtown business district. The tour begins at the southwest entrance to City Hall at 5025 South State and then moves north along State Street with a swing around Poplar and back up Vine Street where it returns to City Hall. The booklet, titled "A History Spotters' Guide", highlights information on 67 historic buildings and sites--- both present and past. The booklet also describes how the downtown area has evolved and changed due to events such as fires, explosions, and redevelopment projects. The booklet will be available at the Murray City museum and the

Murray Parks Office (tentative cost of \$3). Partially paid for through a grant from the Utah State Historical Society, the booklet contains a variety of background information compiled by two local historians, Judson Callaway and Su Richards.

Murray City Museum

The Murray City Museum is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and every Tuesday from 6 to 8 pm. The museum is located at the south end of city hall at 5025 South State. Appointments for other dates and times may be arranged by calling 264-2589. Check out our historic photo website by going to the city website www.murray.utah.gov and then clicking on the library services and historic photos.

History Products on Sale

A variety of history products are on sale year round including historic afghans (\$40), Centennial Album and Faces of Murray publications (\$24), Between the Cottonwoods publication for adults or children (\$10), the videos about the fire department and the smelter industry (\$5). A brand new historic downtown walking tour booklet is available (tentative cost is \$3). Many of these items would make a good Christmas or birthday gift. There are still a few centennial ornaments available (\$7). Products are available at the Murray Parks office or at the museum.

Local Newspaper

A local Murray City newspaper has been a tradition in Murray since 1894. Although the current paper comes monthly rather than weekly, it is an important vehicle for communication. The Murray Journal newspaper is direct mailed into all homes each month without a subscriber fee. It is one of the major resources our community organizations have to communicate with the residents of our city. The journal does rely on business ads to help make the newspaper economically feasible. Local residents and businesses are encouraged to place ads in the journal to help us retain this valuable asset. If you have articles you would like to submit, contact Sallie at 808-9339. For ads, please contact Roy at 243-8637.

Help needed! We need help with storytellers for cemetery tours, one hour weekly guides for museum, hosts for the secondary art show, and ushers for summer Arts in the Park series. Call 264-2638.

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